(b) Yes, Sir, except in case of few private sidings where it had been permitted initially.

(c) to (f) As per existing instructions cement, foodgrains, chemicals, fertilizers and iron and steel are permitted commodities which can be loaded by Container Train Operators from a Rail Terminal including Railway goods sheds where container operations are feasible. In the Budget 2009-10, an announcement had been made for allowing Container Train Operators to use private sidings to load traffic. This will provide additional business opportunities to operators.

Unauthorised train journey

2571. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of touts, agents and passengers travelling on others' tickets or without tickets have been arrested by Railways since August, 2009 to 30 November, 2009; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and division-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Due to gap between demand and supply of reserved accommodation, some cases of touts buying and selling of railway tickets in fictitious names and passengers travelling on others' tickets and without tickets, do come to notice. The zone-wise figures in respect of the above for the period August, 2009 to October, 2009 are given in the table below. Since persons travelling on others' tickets in reserved accommodation and persons travelling without tickets are apprehended and charged by the ticket checking staff in the running trains, division-wise figures of such passengers are not segregated.

The zone-wise figures in respect of touts apprehended, passengers apprehended while travelling on others' tickets and passengers caught travelling without tickets for the period August 2009 to October, 2009 are as under:

Railway	No. of touts/agents apprehended	No. of persons apprehended travelling on tickets purchased in others' names	No. of passengers caught travelling without tickets. (in lakh)
1	2	3	4
Central	0	733	2.58
Eastern	0	52	1.22
East Central	10	0	1.07
East Coast	3	7	0.39
Northern	37	95	3.90
North Central	0	26	1.62

1	2	3	4
North Eastern	3	0	0.95
Northeast Frontier	1	27	0.54
North Western	2	47	0.83
Southern	437	5661	1.26
South Central	7	199	2.23
South Eastern	24	45	0.68
South East Central	2	0	0.44
South Western	0	1477	0.53
Western	13	476	2.51
West Central	3	128	0.80
TOTAL	542	8973	21.55

Sub-zonal headquarters at Ahmedabad

2572. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is predominately sharing in the Western Railway networks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the share of Gujarat in freight and passenger traffic carried by Western Railway has considerably increased; and

(c) if so, whether feasibility will be explored by her Ministry to establish a separate Sub-Zonal Headquarter at Ahmedabad in order to have easy access?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no provision to set up Sub-Zonal Headquarter on Indian Railway System. However, there is a divisional headquarters at Ahmedabad to cater to the needs of the area.

Proposal for new rail line projects in Rajasthan

2573. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not accepted the proposal of some new rail line projects for Rajasthan because of paucity of funds; and